Visit to the Tanneries and the Potteries by Pandit Malaviya.

74. **Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.**—Will the Government be pleased to state whether they are aware that the Stoneware Factory and the Tanneries at Chalakkudi were visited by Pandit Madan Mohan Malaviya, and if so, what are the remarks, if any, he has made about these institutions?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—Yes; a copy of the remarks is appended. (*Vide Appendix II.*)

Potteries.

75. **Mr. C. J. Mathew.**—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(1) whether Pandit Malaviya visited the Potteries at Chalakkudi, and if so, whether he made any observations, with regard to the existing state of affairs there;

(2) whether the Pandit made any suggestions with regard to the future working of the Potteries, and if so, what are his suggestions;

(3) what are the remarks he made in the Visitors' Book there;

(4) whether the Government have succeeded in getting a certain expert from Calcutta to agree to come down and report on the Potteries; if not, what is the delay due to;

(5) whether the Government have in view any definite policy for the progre sive working of the Potteries in the year 1105;

(6) whether the foreman in charge of the Potteries is willing t undergo training abroad, and if so, whether the Government have any objection to send him and get him properly trained;

(7) whether a certain teacher of the High School, Chalakkudi, and who for some time was doing duty in the Potteries, applied for a scholarship to execute studies in Potteries, and if so, whether this gentleman was given the scholarship; if not, why not;

(8) whether they are willing to lease the Potteries to private individuals on reasonable term ; if so, under what terms;

(9) whether anybody has so far made any offer to lease the Potteries, and if so, why the offer is not accepted;

(10) whether there are any offers even now pending disposal, and if so, from whom?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—(1) Yes.
(2) Yes. Vide answer to question No. 74
(3) Vide 2 above.
(4) Yes.
(5) Yes.

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APPENDIX I.

(*Vide answer to question No. 61.*)

Statement of toddy shops unsold on the appointed dates.

Taluk	*1103.*	*1104.*
Kanayannur	3	6
Cochin	34	5
Cranganur	10	nil
Mukundapuram	6	nil
Trichur	nil	nil
Talappalli	1	nil
Chittur	5	nil

APPENDIX II.

(*Vide answer to question No. 74.*)

Remarks regarding Stoneware Factory.

'It has given me pleasure to visit this Stoneware Factory. It has been planned and built on a sufficiently large scale to be a commercial success. It is very well equipped for the works it has to do. The commercial side requires to be looked after better. Marketing and securing orders for the things which are in demand is quite as important a part of the business as the technical knowledge required for producing high class pottery and I feel sure that if the commercial side is properly organised this Factory will be a complete success'.

12th May 1929. (Signed) MALAVIYA.

Remarks regarding Tanneries.

"This Factory has been well planned and seems to be very well equipped. It is a matter of regret that it is not working. I understand that it needs only working capital. It seems to be like a railway which has been laid out and provided with trains, but which is lying unused for want of the necessary supply of coal and water. If these are found I see no reason why this should not work successfully. The matter requires close looking into. I hope the working capital will be found by a further loan from the Government. A manager or assistant manager should be appointed or told off to devote his whole attention to marketing the product of the factory and of securing orders".

12th May 1929. (Signed) M. M. MALAVIYA.

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